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1. PRAVDA ON OCTOBER 12 FRONTPAGES A LETTER FROM  
PODGORNY TO SOUPHANNOUVONG CONGRATULATING LATTER ON  
THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LAOTIAN INDEPENDENCE. THIS  
HONOR BESTOWED ON NEW LAOTIAN HOLIDAY CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE,  
PLUS ADDITIONAL HONOR OF LENGTHY IZVESTIYA (OCT 11)  
AND PRAVDA COMMENTARIES ON LAOTIAN AFFAIRS, UNDERLINES SOVIET  
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CONCENTRATION DURING PAST SIX MONTHS ON INCREASING

INFLUENCE IN LAOS AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AS WELL AS NEW  
FOUND ACCEPTABILITY OF LAOS AS A FRATERNAL STATE SINCE  
EVENTS THERE FOLLOWING THE FALL OF VIETNAM.

2. BOTH LETTER AND COMMENTARIES ARE FAIRLY ANODYNE  
TREATMENT OF LAOTIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND RELATIONS WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION. THE LETTER IMPLIES CONTINUING SOVIET  
AID TO LAOS IN STATEMENT THAT "AS IN THE TIMES OF SEVERE  
TRIAL, IN THESE DAYS OF PEACE THE SOVIET PEOPLE WILL STAND SHOULDER  
TO SHOULDER WITH THE PEOPLE OF LAOS." AND THE  
IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY (M. IL'YINSKIY) MAKES CONTINUING  
AID EXPLICIT AND HINTS AT SCOPE OF AID IN REMARK THAT  
"AT ALL STAGES OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF LAOS THE  
SOVIET UNION RENDERED AND CONTINUES TO RENDER EXTENSIVE,  
EFFECTIVE HELP TO THE PATRIOTS." IL'YINSKIY ALSO  
UNDERLINES LAOTIAN NETURALITY AND CONTENTS THT THE  
GOVERNMENT IS READY TO "ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS  
WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT."

3. THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY (V. SKVORTSOV) SHIES AWAY FROM  
CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUING SOVIET AID, BUT MAKES CON-  
VERSE POINT THAT "THE USA HAS CANCELLED A LOAN EARLIER  
APPROVED OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS" FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF DIKES ALONG THE MEKONG. SKVORTSOV ALSO MAKES INTRIGUING  
POINT THAT HIS LAOTIAN COMRADES REALIZE "HOW MANY LAYERS  
OF THE PAST THEY WILL HAVE TO PEEL AWAY IN THOSE  
AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY WERE IN THE  
HANDS OF THE RIGHTISTS." LATTER STATEMENT MAY BE  
INTENDED TO SERVE AS AN EXPLANATION FOR LAOTIAN DIF-  
FICULTIES AS WELL AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY "EXTRAORDINARY"  
MEASURES LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES MAY BE CALLED UPON TO  
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